

# 3 SLAYERS DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR STATE AVENGES WOMAN'S MURDER

## Maxwell Wins at Checkers Game With Paul Hilton

Special Dispatch to The GRAPHIC

OSSINING, Dec. 10.—John Maxwell won a game of checkers a few minutes before he went to the electric chair at Sing Sing last night with William and Casimir Barszyouck, brothers, to pay the supreme penalty for the murder of Mrs. Mary Betsch during the robbery of a chain grocery store in Brooklyn last February. All three men were from Brooklyn.

They were convicted of first-degree murder in the slaying of Mrs. Betsch after it was brought out during the trial that Maxwell had fired the fatal shot.

Maxwell was playing checkers with Paul Hilton, the radio burglar, who was convicted of the murder of Patrolman Kenney in Queens, when he was summoned to the execution chamber. He made one last move and by it won the game.

He looked up at Father John J. McCaffrey, who had come to march with him to the death chamber, and muffled a slight yawn. It was typical of his attitude during his entire stay in the death house. Even when his sister, Mary Maxwell, who lives in The Bronx, came to visit him earlier in the day he



John Maxwell Paul Hilton

did not break down, even though she wept in his arms.

It was different with the two Barszyouck boys. Their aged mother came to the death house with her two daughters and her son, all of whom live at 937 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn. At first William Barszyouck refused to see his mother.

But when his brother welcomed her, William gave way to tears and knelt before her. Both boys received her blessing and then were left alone once more in the solitude of their cells to await death.

William looked at the comic strips in a newspaper and muttered:—

"This is only part of my bad luck. I always got a bad break all my life."

Casimir was the first to go to the chair. He shook hands with



Casimir Barszyouck Wm. Barszyouck

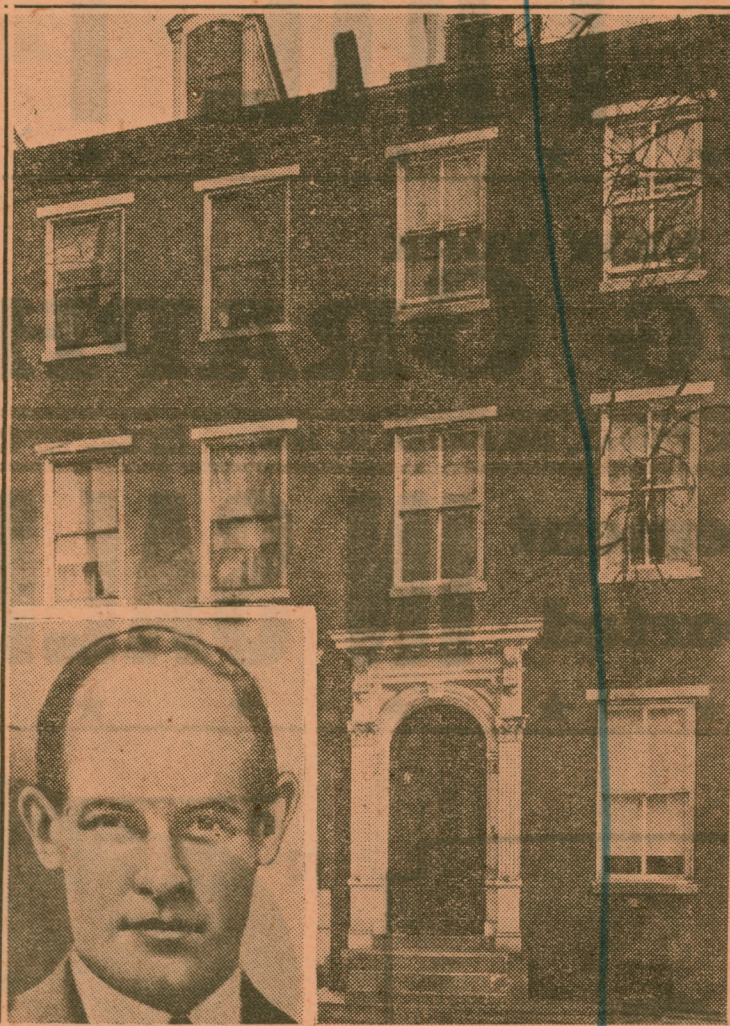
the thirteen other inmates of the death house and then walked calmly to the death chamber with Father McCaffrey. Casimir had taken part only in the robbery and not in the actual murder.

### "It Is Murder Now"

Just before he sat in the electric chair Casimir turned to the attendants.

"Folks, it is murder now," he declared. "If it has never been

## Where Ormiston Was Caught



HERE IS THE HOUSE at 25 Front St., Harrisburg, Pa., where Kenneth G. Ormiston, radio operator, who is accused of having lived with Aimee McPherson, the evangelist, during the time when she said she was kidnaped, took refuge and avoided the police. Inset is Ormiston.

## Ormiston Heads for Chi; Will Fight Keyes There

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Kenneth G. Ormiston, radio operator who is wanted in connection with the conspiracy case against Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, is expected to arrive here today to fight extradition to California.

murder, it's murder now. Good-by, folks. Good-by, father.

He was strapped in the chair and was dead at 11:11 p. m.

The next "legal murder" victim—prey of the state—was William Barszyouck. As he was leaving his cell he refused to shake hands with his fellows in the death house.

Harry Cowan of Brooklyn, who went blind when he killed his sweetheart in Brooklyn and then attempted to commit suicide, groped forward eagerly to shake Williams's hand, but he turned rudely away.

"I didn't shake hands when I came in here," he said, "and I don't see why I should do it now."

### Maintains Innocence

With his brother, William maintained to the last that he was innocent.

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## Bike Score

10 a. m. Standing  
109th Hour)

	Miles Laps
Winter and Stockholm	1.699
McNamara and Linari	1.699
Georgetti and Belloni	1.699
Goosens and Stockely	1.699
Petri and Lands	1.699
Bello and Hill	1.699
McBeath and Grimm	1.699
Dinale and Bestetti	1.699
Walker and Beckman	1.699
Wambst and Lacuehay	1.699
Coles and Garrison	1.698
Wynsdau and Coburn	1.698
Taylor and Hanley	1.698
Spencer and Goulet	1.698
Leader—Winter, former record, 2.051 miles, made by Goulet and Grenda in 1914. (Story on page 38.)	

## BULLETIN

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 10.

—Judge Frank L. Cleary of the Somerset County Court of Common Pleas today dismissed complaints against Felix di Martini, private detective, and Mrs. Minna Clark of New Brunswick, who had been accused as accessories after the fact in the Hall-Mills murders.

## Subway Rush-Hour Panic Caused by Train Afire; Women Battered in Jam

Dense clouds of smoke, filtering through the cars of a Lexington Avenue subway train, today threw passengers into excitement and threatened for a time to precipitate a full-fledged panic.

## City Approves Subway Contract, Berry Not Voting

With the approval of another big subway contract by the Board of Estimate the decks were cleared today for further action to relieve transit congestion.

In addition to the subway contract, a \$58,000,000 vehicular tunnel and relief of traffic congestion over bridges spanning the East River was discussed. Mayor Walker was absent.

The Board of Estimate awarded the construction of the section of the new subway in 6th Avenue, between West 3d and Bank Streets, to the Oakdale Construction Company at its price of \$8,875,522. The board appropriated for the work \$9,025,522.

Controller Berry refrained from voting, in accordance with his declaration that he would take no further stand on the subway question until the Board of Estimate had adopted a definite transit policy.



Controller Berry

## Clearing House (Official figures)

Exchanges ..... \$872,000,000  
Balances ..... 82,000,000  
Credit balance.. 80,000,000

## W. B. Leeds Jr. May Divorce Princess Xenia in Paris

Dispatches from London today indicate that all is not well in the household of William B. Leeds, Jr., son of the late millionaire tinplate king. The undercurrent of discord which seeped into his romance some time ago is reported to have driven him on to Paris, where he may seek a divorce from Princess Xenia, charming member of one of Europe's fast disappearing royal families.

Princess Xenia was one of the most beautiful women of the Russian royal family and her marriage to Leeds was looked upon as a genuine love match.

Monarchy Plot When the princess returned to this country after visiting her grandmother, Queen Olga of Greece, last spring, she insisted she still loved her husband, and talk of separation then had absolutely no foundation.

Leeds's mother married Prince Christopher of Greece after her husband's death and assumed the title of Princess Anastasia. She died three years ago. It was fre-

quently rumored during her life that some of the Leeds' millions would be used to finance a monarchical movement to restore the Greek dynasty to the throne in Athens.

## THE WEATHER

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# RAIN



### U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Rain tonight; Saturday cloudy; moderate temperature; fresh northeast winds, becoming southwest.  
EASTERN NEW YORK—Cloudy, with rain tonight and in north portion Saturday; not much change in temperature; fresh northeast, shifting to southwest winds.